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PATENT APPLICATION  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of :  
Kevin BROWN : **IMPROVEMENTS IN AND**  
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned : **RELATING TO KARABINERS**  
Filed Concurrently Herewith :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert and amend section headings as follows. (Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.)

On page 1, please delete the section heading "Title: Improvements in and relating to karabiners" and insert the following:

**IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO KARABINERS**

On page 1, before the first complete paragraph, please delete the section heading "DESCRIPTION" and insert the section headings as follows:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the Invention**

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On page 1, after the first complete paragraph, please insert the section heading as follows:

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2. Description of the Related Art

On page 2, before the first complete paragraph, please insert the section heading as follows:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, before the first complete paragraph beginning "This invention", please insert the section heading as follows:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 3, before the paragraph beginning "Referring to", please insert the section heading as follows:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States Patent practice.

Examination and allowance of claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP AMENDED SECTION HEADINGS**

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[Title: Improvements in and relating to karabiners]

**IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO KARABINERS**

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[DESCRIPTION]

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the Invention**

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